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SUBJECT: NDP LEADER MAZARI ON NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

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1. WHILE IN KARACHI OVER THE WEEKEND POLCOUNS LUNCED WITH NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP) LEADER SHERBAZ MAZARI AND FOUND HIM RELAXED ABOUT PRESENT COURSE NOW BEING PURSUED BY THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION (MLA) AND ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO NDP PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT NOW BEING DISCUSSED BY THE MLA WITH VARIOUS POLITICAL LEADERS. HE SAID HE CAN SEE NO ADVANTAGE TO THE NDP IN PARTICIPATING IN SUCH A GOVERNMENT; EVEN IF THE PARTY LEADERSHIP WERE WILLING, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO BRING ALONG THE BULK OF THE PARTY, EXPECIALLY THOSE IN BALUCHISTAN. HE LEFT VAGUE THE MATTER OF WHETHER OR NOT THE NDP WOULD OPPOSE THE FORMATION OF SUCH A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, BUT HE SAID -- "NOT IMMODESTLY" -- HE HAD TOLD GENERAL ZIA THAT A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE NDP.

2. MAZARI OBVIOUSLY HAS NO POLITICAL PLANS FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE AND TAKES THE MLA AT ITS WORD ON ITS BAN OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WHILE MLR 33 AND MLR 35 ARE IN FORCE. HE AND HIS
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WIFE PLAN AN AROUND-THE-WORLD TOUR BEGINNING IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS, WITH STOPS IN SINGAPORE (TO GET SOME WESTERN SUITS MADE), AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND (TO SEE THEIR 23 YEAR OLD SON WHO HAS ESTABLISHED RESIDENCE THERE), MEXICO, CALIFORNIA, NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, AND LONDON. IN THE U.S. HE WILL BE LOOKING UP OLD FRIENDS FROM HIS IVP DAYS AND SHOWING HIS WIFE THE SIGHTS. MAZARIS EXPECT TO BE IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY JUNE AND HOPE TO BE

ABLE TO SEE "OLD FRIEND" JANE ABELL COON WHILE THERE; POLCOUNS
GAVE MAZARI COON WASHINGTON ADDRESS, AND MAZARI SAID HE WOULD
WRITE FROM SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY.
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